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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Appln. No.: 09/530,570

Filed: May 3, 2000

Title: BILLING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2167

Examiner: MCALLISTER, S.

OMMINCATION SYSTEM

December 12, 2001

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Fig. 2 is amended as indicated in red in the concurrently submitted Drawing Change Authorization Request to add headings to the block elements to effectively respond to the drawing objection included in the outstanding Office Action.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly insert the Abstract of Disclosure attached herewith as a separate sheet.

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